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BARRETT, KLECZKA ANNOUNCE \$3 MILLION FOR MILWAUKEE HARBOR PROJECT

Washington, D.C. -- Congressmen Tom Barrett and Jerry Kleczka announced that \$3 million for continued construction of the Milwaukee Lakeshore State Park is included in the conference report for the 2002 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, passed today by the House of Representatives.

"This funding is a huge victory for the Milwaukee Lakeshore State Park project," said Barrett. "The Army Corps will be able to move ahead on schedule, and soon the entire community will all be able to enjoy this dynamic new facility."

"The construction of Pier Wisconsin will provide a state-of-the-art home for Wisconsin's very own lake schooner, the *Denis Sullivan*, including hands-on exhibits such as a working sail loft and woodworking shop," said Kleczka. "Not only will the Pier serve as a great learning tool for thousands of school children, it will also encourage Wisconsinites and tourists to take advantage of Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront year-round."

The funding will be used for to complete construction of a home for "Pier Wisconsin," the Wisconsin Lake Schooner Education Association's new Great Lakes Research and Education Center. Construction of a "harbor of refuge," including harbor improvements and breakwaters, will provide a sheltered area and improve navigation for small recreational craft, and will provide a base for Pier Wisconsin's centerpiece, the Schooner *Dennis Sullivan*. The Schooner, Wisconsin's flagship, is an educational tool and floating classroom completed last year in Milwaukee, and the first new tall ship built on the Great Lakes in more than a century.

Last year, Barrett and Kleczka secured a \$200,000 down payment for the Lakeshore State Park project, allowing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to initiate the process of constructing a harbor of refuge. The \$3 million funding passed today, combined with the \$14 million already allocated by the State and City, will allow the development of a water-based portion of Lakeshore State Park to proceed on schedule.

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